

# TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



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Pia Powers  
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525 South Tryon Street, Mail Code DEP-18A  
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on November 21, 2024 at 2:07 p.m.

**Re: *Petition of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of Negotiated Franchise Agreement with the Metropolitan Government of the City of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, TRA Docket No. 04-00097***

Dear Ms. Powers:

We have reviewed resolution RS2024-696 filed in the above-styled matter by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. on November 18, 2024. Piedmont seeks the third five-year extension of its franchise agreement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. The Commission approved the franchise agreement, contained in Metropolitan Ordinance No. BL2003-36, by its Order Approving Franchise Agreement entered on November 29, 2005, in Docket No. 04-00097. The approved franchise agreement provides that it may be renewed beyond its initial period of ten years for four consecutive five-year additional periods if, prior to the commencement of the additional period, the Metropolitan Council adopts a resolution affirming the continuance of the agreement. On September 3, 2024, the Metropolitan Council adopted Resolution No. RS2024-696 extending the franchise agreement for the third five-year additional period from 2024 to 2029.

In light of Metropolitan Council's resolution to extend the franchise agreement and given that no other provision of the agreement has changed, we acknowledge that Piedmont's franchise agreement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has been extended through the third five-year additional period in accordance with the terms of the franchise agreement previously approved by the Commission. Accordingly, no further action by the Commission to extend the franchise agreement is needed at this time. Piedmont, however, should provide notice to the Commission prior to the expiration of the third five-year additional period if it intends to extend the franchise agreement for another additional period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Mairs".

Michelle Mairs  
Deputy Director of Utilities

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